

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given this application. The specification has been amended to insert titles.

The acknowledgement of the allowability of claims 7 and 19 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-21 are pending in this application. Claims 4 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 7 and intermediate claim 4 into the base claim. Claim 21 has been added to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 19 and intermediate claim 6. Other amendments improve the language in a non-narrowing fashion.

Drawings Objection

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, especially the signal sensor and conductive wire.

However, Applicants note that such features have been shown in figures, by way for example, the anchoring members 2 can serve as a signal sensor which is formed from a wire. Therefore, these features are clearly shown in the drawings according to at least one embodiment.

It is thus believed that the objection to the drawings may now be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

Claims 8 and 17 have been objected to. The comments in the Official Action have been considered, and the claims have been amended to be free from informalities.

Rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In claim 16, the term "means" has been replaced by "device" and thus the claim language now is clear and definite.

Withdrawal of this rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

Rejections under Prior Art

Claims 1, 4, 8, 14, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DWORKIN (U.S. Patent No. 4,842,519). Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 14, 17, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by MATZ (U.S. Patent No. 5,586,562). Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over MATZ in view of

FISCHELL (U.S. Patent No. 3,867,950). Claims 5, 9, 10, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over MATZ in view of BURGER et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,553,626). Claims 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MATZ in view of KARELL (U.S. Patent No. 5,792,067).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 7 and intermediate claim 4 into the base claim, and thus render these issues moot.

Withdrawal of these rejections is accordingly respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 12, 2006 and for making an initialed PTO-1449 form record in the application.

The objections and rejections have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot, and no issues remain. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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